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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to a mast; and
means for braking said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to the mast, and braking the bosun's chair relative to the mast[[.]]
means for supporting the bosun's chair, wherein said means for braking is configured to slow a descent of the bosun's chair, in response to a failure of said means for supporting the bosun's chair, said means for braking being separate from said means for supporting.
- 2-3. **(Canceled)**
4. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 2.1 wherein said means for supporting the bosun's chair comprises a cord for supporting the bosun's chair.
5. **(Original)** The device of claim 1 further comprising means for attaching the bosun's chair to said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to a mast.
6. **(Canceled)**
7. **(Original)** The device of claim 1 wherein said means for braking comprises at least one friction pad.
8. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 1 further comprising means for maintaining said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to the mast at an oblique angle relative to the mast when said means for movably attaching is attached to the mast.
9. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 1 further comprising means for inhibiting a side of said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to the mast adjacent to said means for braking from rising above a position substantially orthogonal to the mast when said means for movably attaching is attached to the mast.

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10. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to the mast comprises a mast-attaching member adapted to conform to a shape of an outer surface of the mast.

11. (Original) The device of claim 10 wherein said mast-attaching member is openable to allow said member to substantially encircle the mast.

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12. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 10 further comprising:
an activation member of said mast-attaching member means for braking;
means for supporting the bosun's chair;
means for attaching said activation member to the bosun's chair; and
wherein said activation member is adapted configured to cause said means for braking to brake said mast-attaching member, when a force is applied to said activation member.

13. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 12 wherein said activation member is configured to receive said force when said force results from is applied in response to a failure of said means for supporting the bosun's chair.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 14-12 wherein said activation member is adapted to pivot downwardly when a force is placed on said activation member by said means for attaching and wherein said pivoting causes said means for braking to brake said mast-attaching member relative to the mast to operatively brake the bosun's chair.

16-19. (Canceled)

20 (Currently Amended) A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
a mast-attaching member movably attachable to a mast; and
a bosun's chair coupled to an activation member;
a brake adapted to brake the bosun's chair relative to the mast~~[[.]]~~; and
said brake coupled to said activation member and said mast-attaching member,
said activation member pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member and
configured to cause said brake to contact the mast to slow a descent of said mast-

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attaching member and said bosun's chair in response to a force being placed on said activation member by said bosun's chair, said brake pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member to allow movement of said mast-attaching member in response to a lack of the force.

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21. **(New)** The device of claim 20 further comprising an angle-maintaining member configured to maintain a first end of said mast-attaching member above a second end of said mast-attaching member.

22. **(New)** The device of claim 20 further comprising a cord connecting said bosun's chair to said activation member.